Listing and Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application

25. (Previously presented)   A method for streaming a file containing video information, comprising the step of:

embedding parameter information for facilitating streaming of the video information by embedding the parameter information in a Session Description Protocol (SDP) payload of a hint track of the file, the file also holding the video information such that the parameter information resides separate from the video information so that the parameter information can be streamed independent of the video information.

Claim 26 (previously cancelled)

Claim 27 (previously cancelled)

28. (Previously presented)   The method of claim 25, wherein the step of embedding the parameter further comprises the step of encoding the parameter information in Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions (MIME) prior to being embedded within the SDP payload of the Hint track.

29. (Previously presented)   The method of claim 25, further comprising the step of transmitting the parameter information in an out-of-band transmission.

30. (Previously presented)   The method of claim 29, wherein said transmitting step further comprises the step of transmitting the parameter information using Transmission Control Protocol (TCP).

31. (Previously presented)   The method of claim 29, wherein said transmitting step further comprises the step of transmitting the parameter information using Real Time Streaming Protocol.

32. (Previously presented)   The method of claim 25, further comprising the step of transmitting the parameter information in a media independent transmission.

33. (Previously presented)   The method of claim 25, wherein said transmitting step comprises the step of transmitting the parameter information prior to any media corresponding thereto.

34. (Previously presented)   The method of claim 25, further comprising the step of extracting the parameter information from metadata corresponding to at least one media stream.

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36. (Previously presented)   An apparatus for employing parameter information corresponding to a video information file, comprising:

an embedding device embedding for parameter information for facilitating streaming of the video information by embedding the parameter information in a Session Description Protocol (SDP) payload of a hint track of the file, the file also holding the video information such that the parameter information resides separate from the video information so that the parameter information can be streamed independent of the video information.

Claim 37 (previously cancelled)
Claim 38 (previously cancelled)

39. (Currently presented)   The apparatus of claim 36, wherein the parameter information embedded within the SDP payload by said embedding device is encoded in Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions (MIME).

40. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 36, further comprising a transmitter for transmitting the parameter information in an out-of-band transmission.

41. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 40, wherein said transmitter transmits the Parameter Set information using Transmission Control Protocol.

42. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 40, wherein said transmitter transmits the Parameter Set information using Real Time Streaming Protocol.

43. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 36 further comprising a transmitter for transmitting the parameter information in a media independent transmission.

44. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 36, wherein said transmitter transmits the parameter information prior to any media corresponding thereto.

45. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 36, further comprising an extractor for extracting the parameter from metadata corresponding to at least one media stream.

Claim 46 (previously cancelled)
Claim 47 (previously cancelled)